



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED BELMONT/HOLLYWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO.1 (FORMER OTIS ART INSTITUTE)

Los Angeles, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 26 to March 27, 2002

PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, March 13, 2002, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Commonwealth Elementary School

215 South Commonwealth Avenue

Los Angeles, CA

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Los Angeles Unified School District's proposed Belmont/Hollywood Elementary School No.1 (former Otis Art Institute). This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 60 cubic yards of soil from the proposed site. The proposed site is located at 2401 Wilshire Blvd. adjacent to MacArthur Park on the northwestern corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Park View Street in Los Angeles. During the site investigation, arsenic and lead were detected in soil above DTSC health risk levels. Therefore, the impacted soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since DTSC found no evidence that the cleanup will have a significant negative effect on the environment.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. A public meeting to discuss the removal action will be held at Commonwealth Elementary School from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 13, 2002. You can make your comments at the meeting or submit comments in writing to Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager, at the Department of Toxic Substances Control at the address listed below, and must be postmarked by March 27, 2002.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Felipe De Neve Branch Library, 2820 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057. Also, all the site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846, or Tom Watson, Project Manager, LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, (213) 633-8242. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.*

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.

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